## The County of Centre

## PROCLAMATION

## **NUMBER 32 OF 2017**

WHEREAS, P.L. 128, No. 43, June 30th, 1981 (3 P.S. § 901-915) as amended from time to time (hereinafter the "Act") authorizes the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Counties and Local Municipal entities to purchase Agricultural Conservation Easements; and

WHEREAS, the County of Centre adopted a program in 1989 for purchasing agricultural conservation easements, this program has been certified by the State Board pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, the County of Centre administers the purchase of agricultural conservation easements by and through the Centre County Agricultural Land Preservation Board pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, since the founding of the Centre Agricultural Land Preservation Program, 46 easements permanently protecting 7,065 acres have been placed; and

WHEREAS, from time to time the Agricultural Land Preservation Board partners with Municipalities for the purpose of establishing Agricultural Conservation Easements; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, one easement was placed to permanently protect 145 acres owned by Clay and John Campbell in partnership with Ferguson Township; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim September 26, 2017 as "Farmland Preservation Day" in Centre County and recognize and appreciate all preserved farm owners for strengthening Pennsylvania's agricultural economy and protecting prime farmland.

**ADOPTED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.

CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Mark Higgins, Vice Chair

Steven G Dershem

ATTEST:

Margar N. Gray, Administrator/Chef Clerk